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Apparently, Foster has not yet sent off his letter to Jean and is reconsidering it. Another long telephonic communication with Tommy this morning. I am being harried by several U. S. newspaper correspondents to see them, but I feel I have nothing of interest to argue, not being a diviner or a soothsayer. There are perhaps two thousand journalists congregated here. No one really has an idea what line the Russians will follow, but this only makes speculation more intense. I intend to confine my own activities, if any, to matters affecting European integration /

E. and I had lunch with Cy Sulzberger. He told me of his recent conversation with General de Gaulle in which the Grand Charlie said he would lead a revolution against the EDC if it were ratified by the French Parliament.

I rushed from lunch to the vast Allied Control Building where the four-power meetings will be held. There were about twenty members of the American Delegation designated for attendance and similar numbers from the other countries except the U.S.S.R., which had a larger contingent.

After fifteen minutes of animated photography, Foster opened the meeting as Chairman and called on Bidault to make the first statement, which he did extremely well. Then Eden with another temperate discourse, and next Molotov with forty-five minutes of the usual and expected stuff.

What with translations, it was seven o'clock by the time it came to Foster's turn, and he suggested adjournment until tomorrow. This was accepted.

E. and I had dinner alone with Janet and Foster. Foster is like a Marylander in his preference for rye whiskey over Bourbon or Scotch. He is a very solicitous and admirable host, as Janet is an excellent hostess.

He is faced with quite a problem in connection with the statement he will make tomorrow. Molotov's speech this afternoon was the customary Moscovite diatribe against the war-mongering United States but was milder in tone than many

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of his past utterances. He wants a five-power meeting, with the Chinese Peoples Republic representative present, to mess about in the consideration of all causes of international tension, and wants a disarmed - probably a neutralized - Germany, united on Russian terms, plus a reopening of East-West Trade.

I talked to Foster further regarding the CSC loan. I expect a communication shortly from Monnet which ought to be helpful.

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